Gold deposits in Karnataka

2441. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated quantity of gold deposits at Sandur, Bellary District and Chitra Gurga District of Karnataka State; and

(b) The detailed feasibility of extracting the said gold and the steps taken so far for the exploitation of gold there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) In Chitradurga district, Karnataka, a resource of 0.65 million tonnes of gold ore with 3.58g/t Au in G.R. Halli South Block and 0.63 million tonnes of gold ore with 3.54g/t Au in C.K. Halli South Block have been estimated. No resource of gold ore has been estimated at Sandur, Bellary district.

(b) The feasibility of exploitation of gold in the area and further action will depend upon its economic viability.

Profit earned by Coalfields

2442. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal produced and sold during the last 3 years (year-wise) with the name of coalfields specially in Chattisgarh;

(b) the profit/loss earned by the different coalfields during the last 3 years (year-wise);

(c) whether it is fact that the quantum of profit is decreasing because of large quantity of good quality coal being burnt in the coalfields; if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the quantity burnt; and

(d) what are the details of efforts made by the coalfields authorities to reduce the cost and the results so far achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The total

quantity of coal produced and despatched during the last three years from CIL is as under:

(Million tonnes)

Company	1998-1999		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Production	Despatch	Production	Despatch	Production	Despatch
ECL	27.16	25.54	25.12	25.89	28.03	27.77
BCCL	27.17	25.17	27.90	27.68	25.97	25.46
CCL	32.17	29.46	32.40	30.33	31.75	30.62
NCL	36.52	35.46	38.43	39.18	41.40	41.88
WCL	31.75	30.42	33.86	34.58	35.20	35.17
SECL	57.56	56.92	58.75	57.58	60.33	60.44
MCL	43.51	41.76	43.55	42.08	44.80	47.30
NEC	0.64	0.70	0.57	0.82	0.66	0.76
CIL	256.48	245.43	260.58	258.14	268.14	269.40

Collieries in Chattisgarh State comes under the operational control of South Eastern Coalfields Limited. The production and despatch figures given above for SECL for the year 2000-2001 are inclusive of production and despatch from the Chattisgarh State. Production and despatch exclusively from Chattisgarh State during 2000-2001 (November, 2000 to March 2001) are 22.13 million tonnes and 21.95 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The profit/loss of different companies of CIL during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Company	1998-1999 Profit(+)/Loss(-)	1999-2000 Profit(+)/Loss(-)	2000-2001 Profit(+)/Loss(-)
ECL	(-) 472.47	(-) 728.23	(-) 917.19
BCCL	(-) 442.34	(-) 892.32	(-) 1276.70
CCL	(-) 149.35	(-) 121.24	(-) 792.91
NCL	(+) 802.14	(+) 936.87	(+) 1025.05
WCL	(+) 476.58	(+) 405.86	(+) 28.23
SECL	(+) 676.55	(+) 455.34	(+) 116.92
MCL	(+) 01.31	(+) 607.65	(+) 641.35
CMPDIL	(+) 0.63	(+) 0.71	(—) 3.81
CIL/NEC	(+) 606.20	(+) 581.18	(+) 280.21
SUB-TOTAL	(+) 2099.25	(+) 1445.82	(-) 898.85
LESS DIVIDEND FROM SUB-SIDIARIES	(+) 647.46	(+) 751.95	(+) 515.62
TOTAL	(+) 1451.79	(+) 693.87	(-) 1414.47

(c) There is no record of loss of good quality coal due to fire in the coal stocks during the last three years i.e from 1998-99 to 2000-2001.

(d) CIL and its subsidiary companies are making continuous efforts to reduce costs through various measures, such as reduction of manpower, improvement in production and productivity with improved capacity utilization, strict monitoring of controllable cost etc.